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Ethnic study report displeases backers

The final recommendation of Manoa Chancellor Douglas Yamamura on the future of an ethnic studies program at the University of Hawaii was to go to the University president's office yesterday, but supporters of the program are unhappy with the proposal.

"The unrelenting opposition of the chancellor's office against the wishes of thousands of students, faculty and community people may force the supporters of the ethnic studies program to take more direct and confrontational action," the supporters said in a statement.

Program supporters hope to meet with University President Fujio Matsuda to discuss the proposal Monday or Tuesday.

Supporters of the present pro-

gram charged that Yamamura is opposed to making the seven-year-old program permanent, that he intends to eliminate the present faculty and that his proposal would result in "a reduction of the number of courses offered and students registered."

Two faculty committees have urged that ethnic studies be maintained as a "permanent, adequately funded and academically sound" program at the University, but with a new full-time director and an upgraded teaching staff.

Yesterday, program supporters charged that Yamamura's plan "is a gross departure from the spirit and letter of both faculty recommendations"